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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: SERVER WITH COMPENSATION DETERMINING MECHANISM FOR A GLOBAL NETWORK OF COMPUTERS

April 17, 2003

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AMENDMENTHon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows. This paper is presented as a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith in the above identified application under appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following claim amendments:

Please cancel claims 23 and 24.

9. (Twice Amended) A system, comprising:

a server computer;

at least two personal computers connected to the server computer through a network;

the server computer having a first mechanism for said server computer to function as a master in a shared processing operation involving the at least two personal computers at least portions of said personal computers functioning as slaves to said master;